

# 1<sup>st</sup> STOP CHECKLIST: HORSE BOARDING (EXCEPT RACEHORSES)

## REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] There are no special state licenses for boarding horses. Check locally though for information about city or municipal licensing or zoning requirements.
- [] If you have questions about breeding and selling horses, contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry**. *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**
- [] If you will bring **animals in from out of state**, you must contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry** ([www.agri.ohi.gov](http://www.agri.ohi.gov)) to find out about health requirements and registration. *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**
- [] The **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry** can be reached at **(614) 728-6220** or toll free at **(800) 282-1955(option2)**. Information is also on-line at [www.agri.ohio.gov/animal](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/animal). *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**
- [] Information on the federal **Horse Protection Act** can be obtained from the **U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** at **(301) 734-5784**. The APHIS is on-line at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov). *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**
- [] Ohio's laws regarding certain equine activities liability or lack of, can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 2305.321**. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>
- [] Ohio's laws regarding animal abuse can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 959**. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.
- [] Retail sales (including the sale of animals) are taxable. You need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE**. Contact **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR**. *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**
- [] If you have questions about sales tax, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** at **(888) 405-4039** for **Business Tax Assistance**; **888-405-4089** for **Tax Registration**; or **(800) 282-1782** for the **Forms Request Line**. Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>
- [] Contact the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** for information about the proper disposal of animal waste. The Ohio EPA can be reached at **(614) 644-3020** for **General Inquiries** or **(800) 329-7518** for the **Small Business Hotline**. Information is also on-line at [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us). *\*Remember to check local government agencies\**

**For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).**

[www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov](http://www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov)

**\*REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES\***

**THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.**